ban on the approved Space Programme during the Eighth Plan period and feels confident that with suitable adjustments, the programmes could go on. Long term measures as appropriate with necessary outlays to ensure timely action for self-reliance are also underway.

(b) Government regret the US decision to impose sanctions against ISRO. The peaceful nature of our space programme is well known. We have reiterated that the cryogenic engines and related technology being sought by ISRO has no military applictations and will only be used in the Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) development programme for putting our satellite in orbit for the purposes of weather forecasting, telecommunications and resource survey. The US maintains that sanctions against ISRO and GLAVKOSMOS were mandated by its legislation which does not make any distinction between technology for space launch vehicles and missiles as long it exceeds the parameters specified under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).

Indian Space Research Organisation contribution to defence potential

1636. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States are worried about Indian Space Research Organisation's possible contribution to defence potential of India; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The space programmes of ISRO are for peaceful purposes only.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, where is the Prime Minister? Where is the Home Minister? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Where is the Prime Minister? We want that the Prime Minister should come before the House. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): We want the Prime Minister. Please call the Prime Minister. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Papers be laid first. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What papers are they going to lay on the Table? (*Interruptions*)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Legislative Department)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I, on behalf of Shri G. Venkat Swamy lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1987, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Legislative Department):—

(1) Notification dated 11th July, 1991, publishing the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Super-session) Second Amendment Act, 1991.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2343/92].

(2) Notification dated the 9th January, 1991, publishing the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Super-session) Amendment Act, 1992.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2344/92].

Notification of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Notification No. 15/7/88-WM, dated the 1st November, 1989 (English version) and 25th November, 1991 (Hindi version), publishing the Lakshadweep Consumer Protection Rules, 1989, under sub-section (1) of section 31 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, under sub-section (1) of section 31 [Placed in Library. (*See* No. LT—2309/92]

Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED: Madam, I also lay—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Notification G.S.R. No. 531 (E), dated the 15th May, 1992, publishing the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Third Amendment Rules, 1992 under sub-section (4) of section 83 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2469/92].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Disbution, under sub-section 6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

(1) S.O. No. 298(E), dated the 27th April, 1992, publishing the Pulses, Edible Oils seeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control Amendment Order, 1992. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2310/92].

(2) S.O. No. 332(E), dated the 14th May, 1992, publisihng the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Second Amendment Order, 1992. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2310/92].

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: These papers have no value ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What happened to the Prime Minister's parleys with the BJP and the VHP leaders? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, the Prime Minister has had talks with the VHP leaders. The House needs to be taken into confidence on this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What has transpired there? (*Interruptions*)

I. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association, Thane and related papers.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—